

In Loving Memory of



Isadora Simpson

January 11, 1947 - November 18, 2021

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.

Cotton Funeral Service

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Obituary

Isadora Simpson, 74, departed this life on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at JFK Hospital, Edison, NJ. She was born on January 11, 1947 to the late Lenzy H. and Ada (Rogers) Petford.

Isadora attended the Newark Public School system of the Ironbound section, also known as the neck. She graduated from Essex County and Bloomfield Colleges, earning a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice where she later went on to work at the Essex County Department of Corrections, retiring after 25 years of service.

In 1966, Isadora met George A. Simpson and on November 23, 1968 they were joined together in holy matrimony. From their union, one child La Saunia Venice Simpson was born.

Isadora enjoyed reading, listening to music, shopping, and dressing up like the diva that she was. She enjoyed traveling the world with her sisters, her two best friends. She loved everyone in her family, and they loved her.

In addition to her only child La Saunia, Isadora is survived by her sisters, Lenora Tolbert and Barbra J. Lacy. Three sisters-in-law; Odell Simpson, Cherylle Bailey, and Tanya White. One brother-in-law; Eric A. Simpson. Two grand-daughters; Andrea Simpson and N'Keya Gager. Five great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her parents, her husband George, two brothers; Lenzy and Ronald Petford. Two adopted siblings; Charles Woodson and Gertrude Lumford.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection
Emory Lee

Scripture Reading
Old Testament - John 14: 1-3
New Testament - Psalms 46: 1-5

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks
(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary
Maya Wilson

Selection - "Goin Up Yonder"
Rhonda Reid

Eulogy

Recessional

Interment

Graceland Cemetery
Kenilworth, New Jersey

Repast:

VFW Kenilworth
33 21st St.
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Phenomenal Woman

Pretty women wonder where my secret lies.

*I'm not cute or built to
suit a fashion model's size
But when I start to tell them,
They think I'm telling lies.*

*I say,
It's in the reach of my arms*

*The span of my hips,
The stride of my step,
The curl of my lips.*

*I'm a woman
Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman,
That's me.*

*I walk into a room
Just as cool as you please,
And to a man,
The fellows stand or
Fall down on their knees.
Then they swarm around me,
A hive of honey bees.*

*I say,
It's the fire in my eyes,
And the flash of my teeth,
The swing in my waist,
And the joy in my feet.*

*I'm a woman
Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman,
That's me.*

*Men themselves have wondered
What they see in me.*

*They try so much
But they can't touch
My inner mystery.
When I try to show them
They say they still can't see.*

*I say,
It's in the arch of my back,
The sun of my smile,
The ride of my breasts,
The grace of my style.
I'm a woman*

*Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman,
That's me.*

*Now you understand
Just why my head's not bowed.
I don't shout or jump about
Or have to talk real loud.
When you see me passing
It ought to make you proud.*

*I say,
It's in the click of my heels,
The bend of my hair,
the palm of my hand,
The need of my care,
'Cause I'm a woman
Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman,
That's me.*

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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